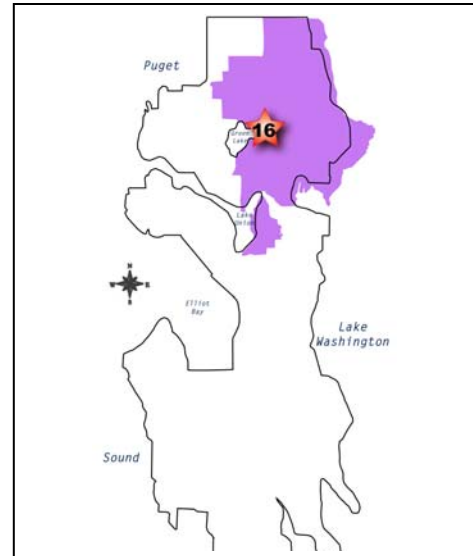


POTENTIALLY HISTORIC**SEISMIC & SAFETY UPGRADE**

Existing Square Footage: 5,000
Final Square Footage: 5,000

Address: 6846 Oswego Place NE
Date Built: 1927

About the Station:

Station 16 currently houses one engine company (E16) and a medic unit.

In 2002, the station dispatched approximately 4,300 units. Of these, about 500 were in response to fire calls and about 3,600 were in response to requests for EMT or paramedic assistance. The remaining dispatches responded to a range of other requests, including those for investigations, rescues, and fuel leaks and spills.

The station was extensively remodeled in 1987 and is in generally fair condition. However, it has some shortcomings: the station fails to meet current standards for seismic safety and many of its building systems (e.g., heating and electrical) are outdated.

What the Plan Would Do:

As a seismic and safety upgrade station, Station 16 requires, and is proposed to receive, some additional seismic bracing to meet current codes.

The site is not large enough to expand the station, but certain interior reconfigurations will improve operations. The station's existing handball court and a portion of the bunk rooms will be converted into space to accommodate decontamination equipment as well as crew preparation and vehicle maintenance functions. The bunk area is expected to be remodeled for gender separation and the existing open watch office will be remodeled into a station office and lobby that will improve operations and provide greater security. The remodel will require the transfer of Station 16's existing medic unit to Station 17 in order to improve the bay that houses the station's engine unit. Without the transfer of the medic unit, the potentially historic facade of the building could not be retained and the project budget would need to be substantially increased.

All structural modifications planned for Station 16 can be made without significantly altering the potentially historic character of this building. While the station is being upgraded, an interim facility will be sited within the neighborhood to provide continuity of fire and medic service until the station project is complete.

Planned Station Features:

Technical Capacities

- Bay space for one engine
- Decontamination/clean room
- Maintenance work area and battery charging alcove
- Storage for major disaster supplies and EMS equipment
- Hose dryer and storage alcove

Administrative and Crew Areas

- Station office
- Bunker gear room
- Beanery kitchen and dining room
- Physical fitness room
- Firefighter bunk rooms
- Toilet/shower rooms
- Laundry room

Estimated Cost:

The estimated cost of this seismic and safety upgrade is \$922,000. This amount includes inflation and the cost of an interim facility. Like several of the program's seismic and safety upgrade projects, this station's improvements will be funded from sources other than the proposed levy lid lift.